

Chris Covo, Director of Young Americans for Prosperity



Chris Covo, a political science major and senior at Texas State University, has been involved in student government for the entirety of his college career. He served as president of the student body for the 2009-10 academic year and regularly attended board of regents meetings through his role on the Student Advisory Board.

Gov. Rick Perry's office appointed Covo to a one-year term in May after Covo applied for the position in January. He will attend his first regents meeting as the student regent in August. At 21, Covo will be the youngest participant on the Texas State system's nine-member board, composed primarily of business executives and community leaders.

Covo is currently president of the Texas State University Student Foundation, an organization made up of student leaders throughout the university. The Student Foundation serves as the liaison between students, administration and alumni to strengthen the university.

Covo, who grew up in San Antonio, initially chose to attend Texas State University to study Jazz with Freddie Mendoza and Butch Miles. The devoted jazz drummer began his college career at the San Marcos campus as a jazz studies major, but ultimately discovered his zeal for service and the study of political science.

He credits Thomas Jefferson as a major influence and one that increased his enthusiasm to help others and get involved.

Covo is an honors student who regularly appears on the Dean's List. He plans to apply for a Rhodes scholarship to the University of Oxford in England to study political theory and ultimately intends to study law and pursue a career in public service.